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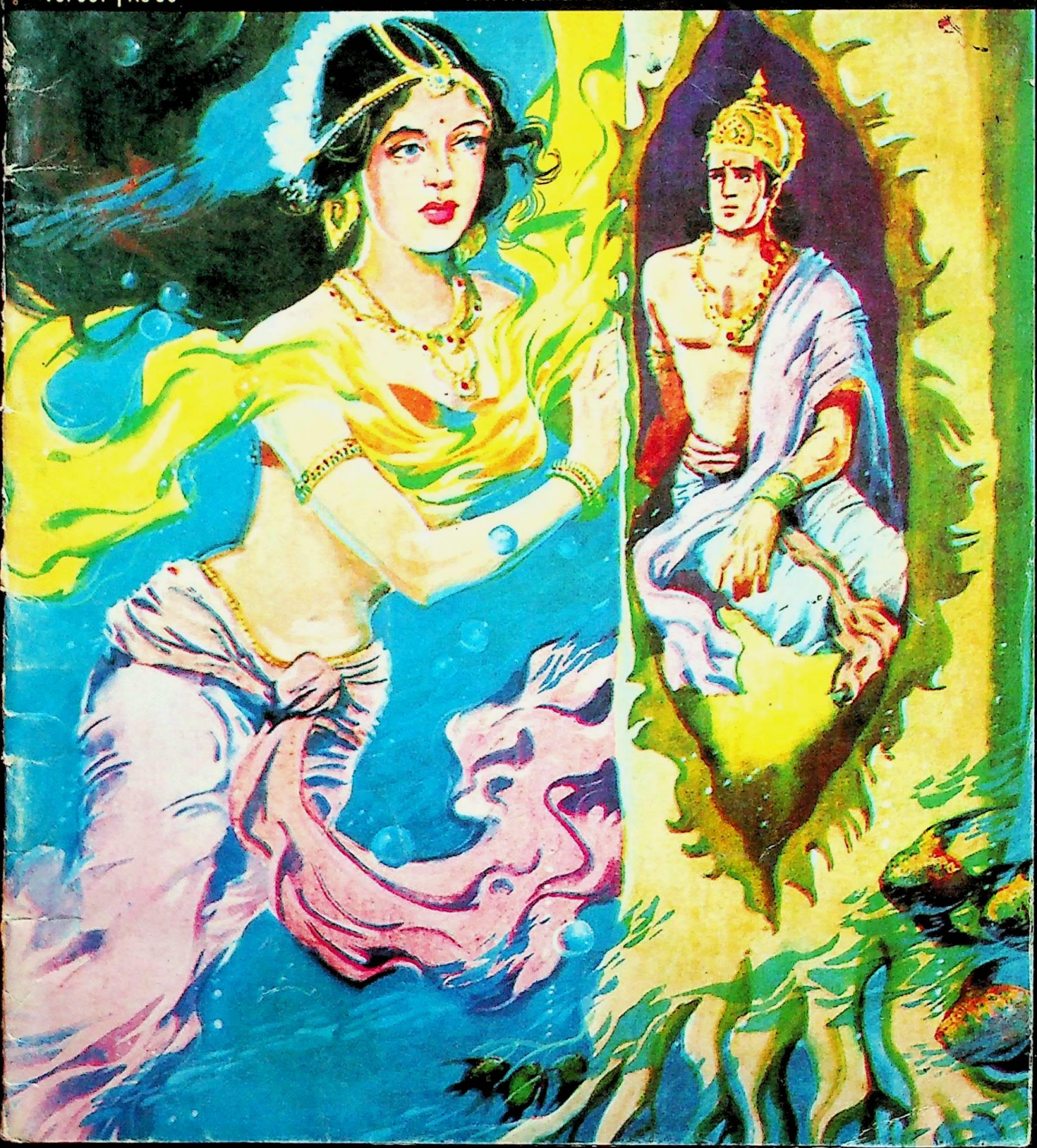

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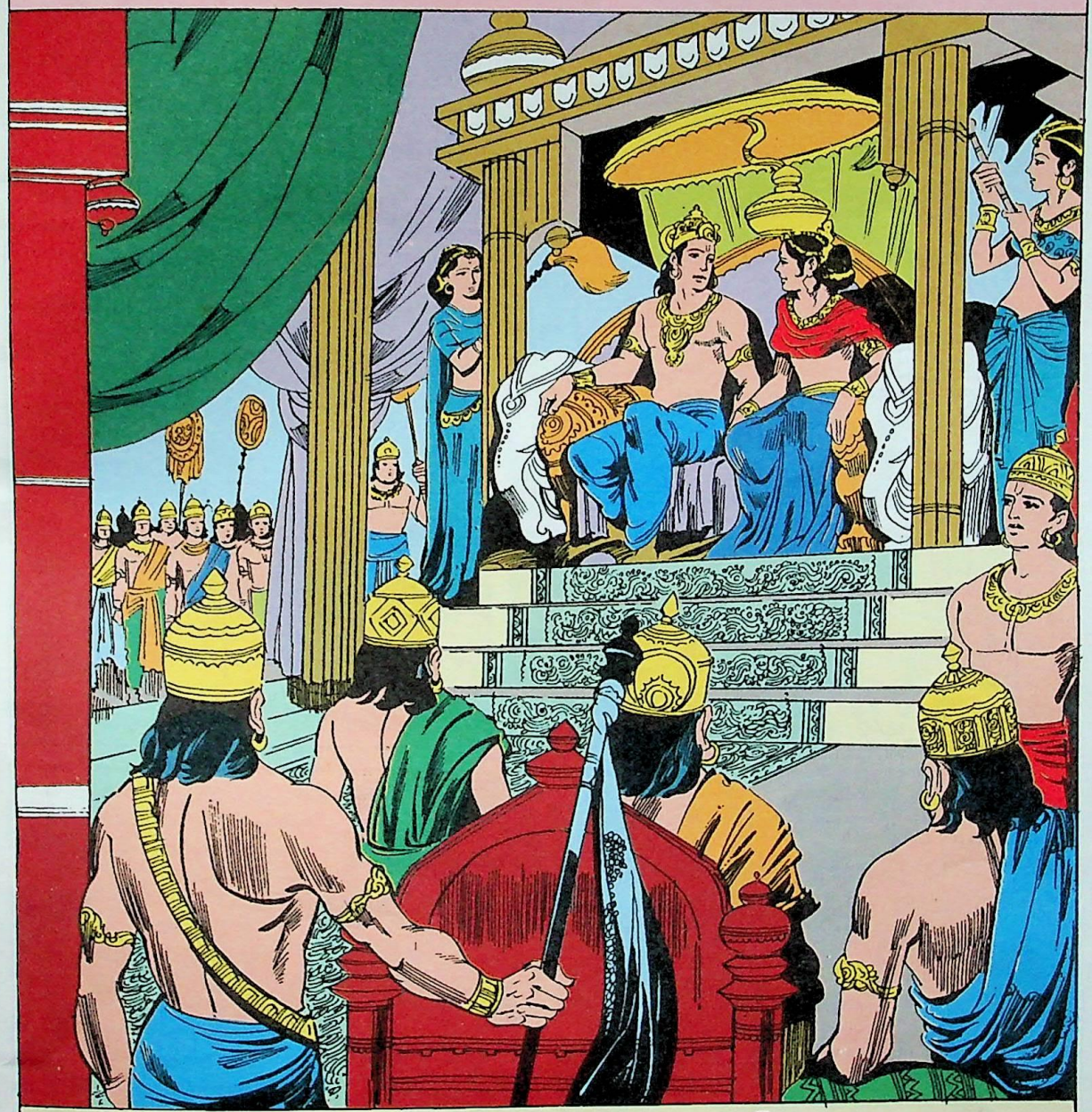

INDRA WAS THE KING OF THE DEVAS. HE LIVED WITH HIS QUEEN, SHACHI IN HIS CELESTIAL CITY, AMARAVATI.

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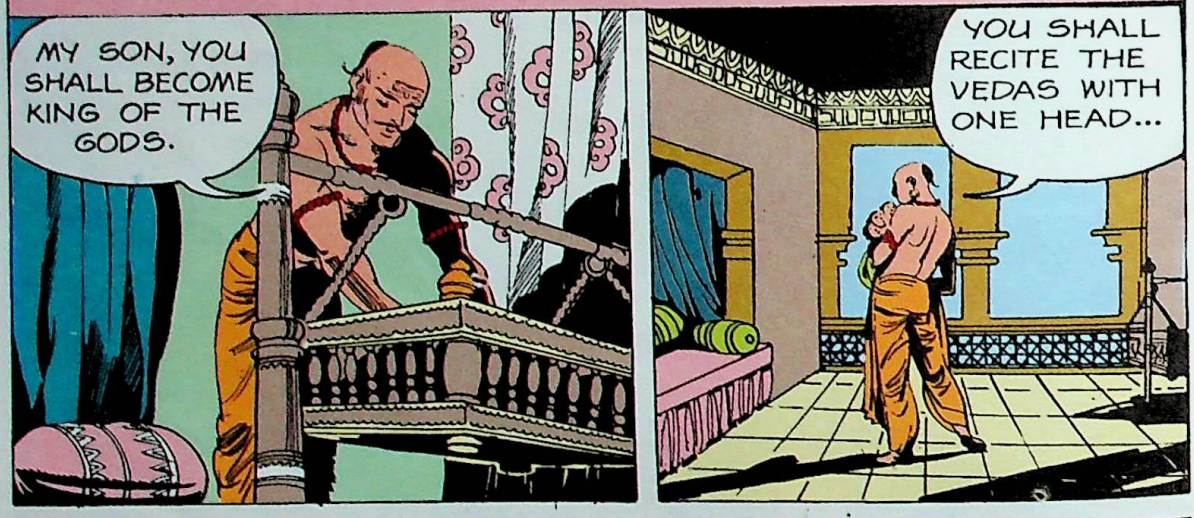
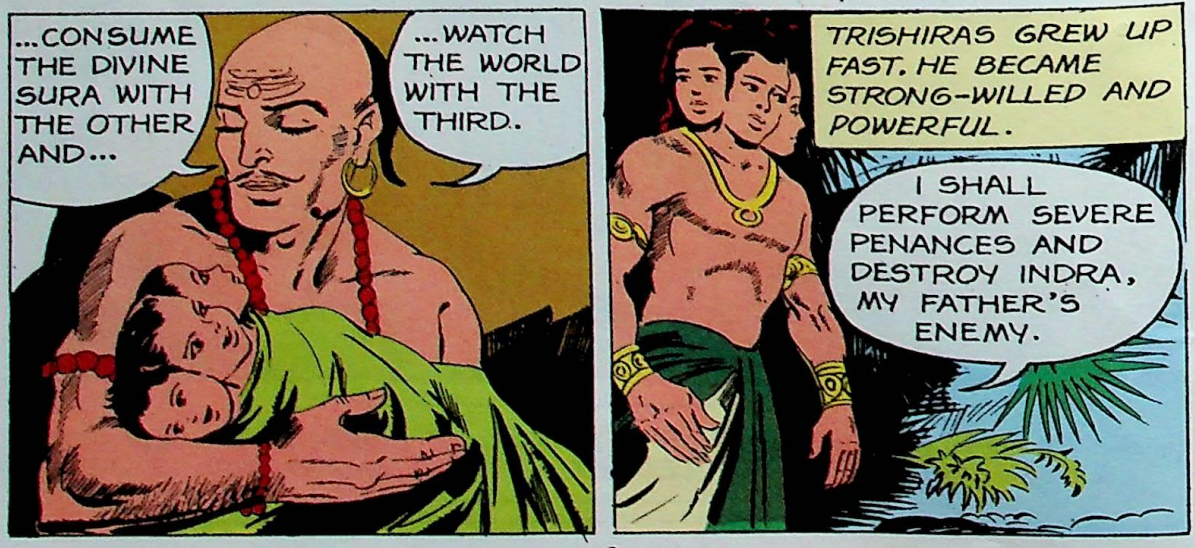
BUT THERE WAS CAUSE FOR THEM TO FEAR. AT THAT VERY MOMENT A SON WAS BORN TO TVASHTA, INDRA'S ENEMY.





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INDRA HEARD OF TRISHIRAS AND OF HIS INTENSE PENANCE TO DESTROY HIM. HE SENT FOR THE APSARAS, THE CELESTIAL MAIDENS...

YOU MUST DISTRACT TRISHIRAS AND BREAK HIS PENANCE.

WE WILL LEAD HIM AWAY FROM MEDITATION INTO A LIFE OF PLEASURE.

THE APSARAS PREPARED THEMSELVES.

WE WILL TEMPT HIM WITH THESE FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

I WILL DANCE.

YOUR VOICE IS SWEET AND ENCHANTING. YOU MUST SING.

THEIR CHARMS WERE HEAVENLY. BUT TRISHIRAS WAS UNMOVED.

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THE APSARAS RETURNED TO INDRA.

WE HAVE FAILED. TRISHIRAS IS STEADFAST...

AT THIS RATE HE WILL USURP MY THRONE. I MUST KILL HIM.

SHACHI WAS WORRIED.

BE CARE-FUL! I FEAR FOR YOUR SAFETY.

INDRA THREW HIS THUNDERBOLT AT TRISHIRAS WHILE HE WAS PRAYING.

TRISHIRAS FELL DEAD BUT HIS EYES REMAINED UNSHUT AND STARING.

THOSE EYES HAUNT ME.

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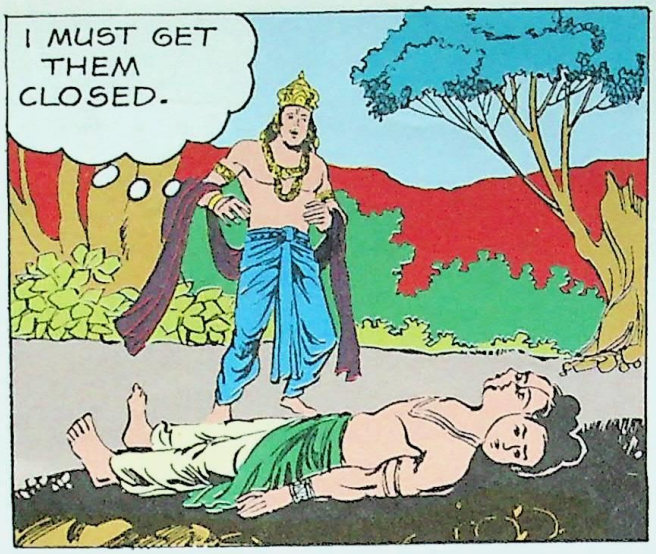

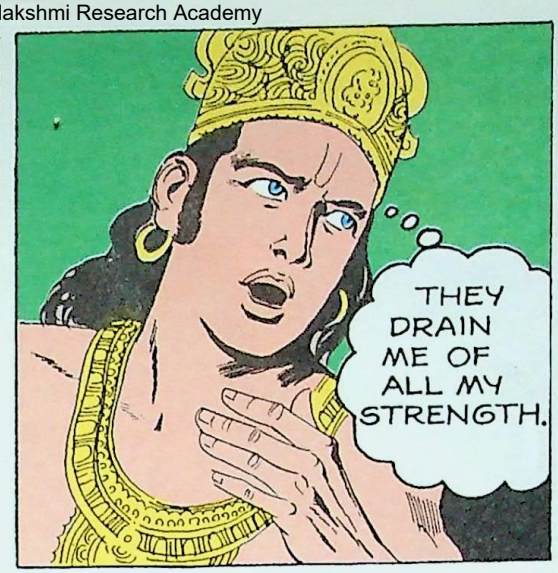

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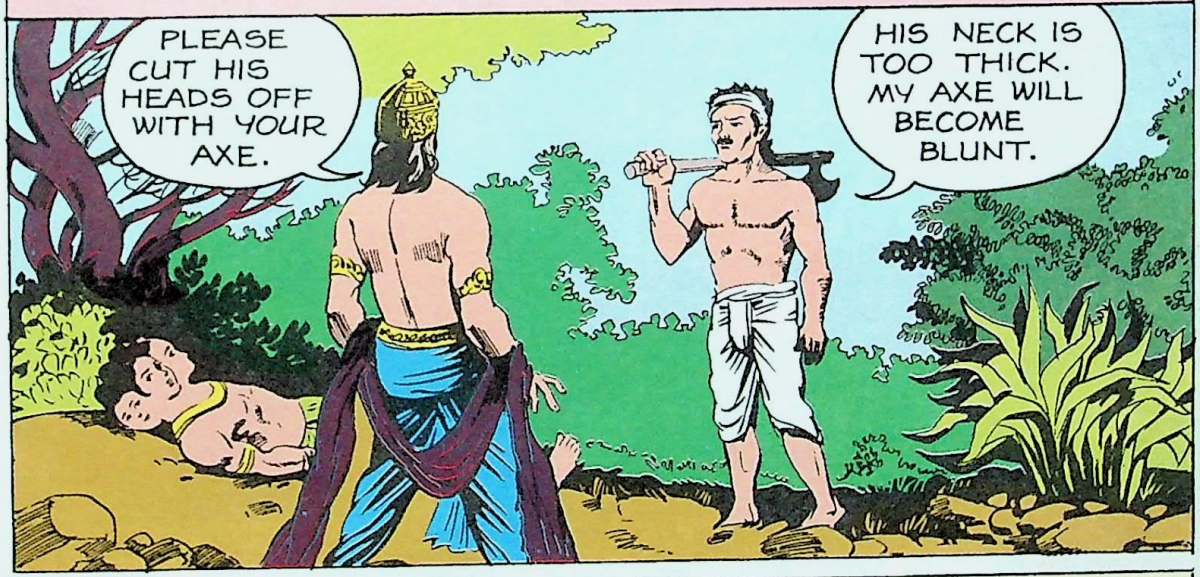
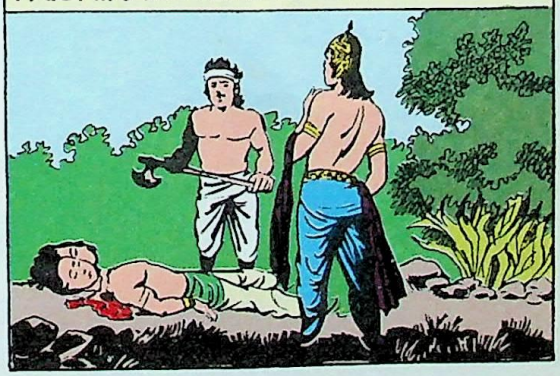


THE WOODCUTTER CUT TRISHIRAS' HEADS OFF.



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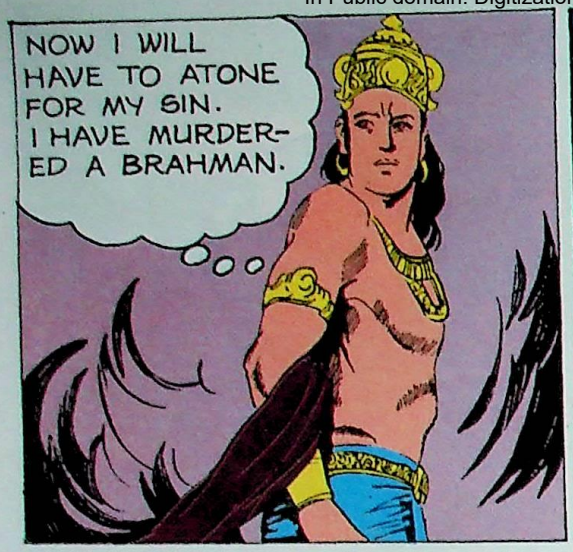

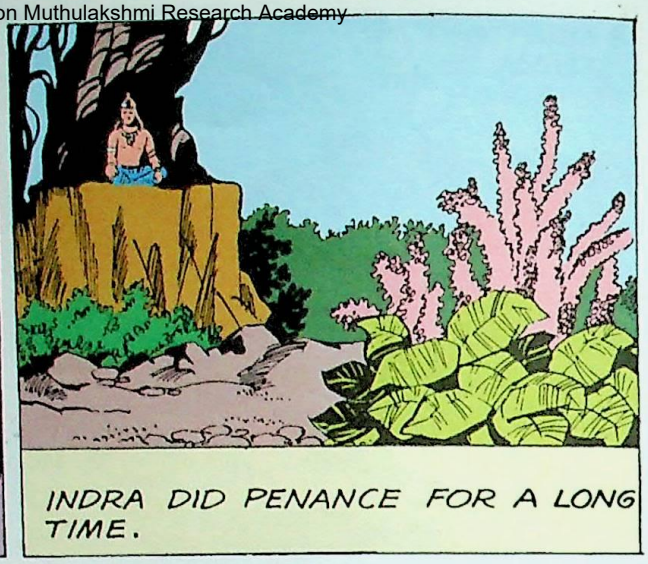

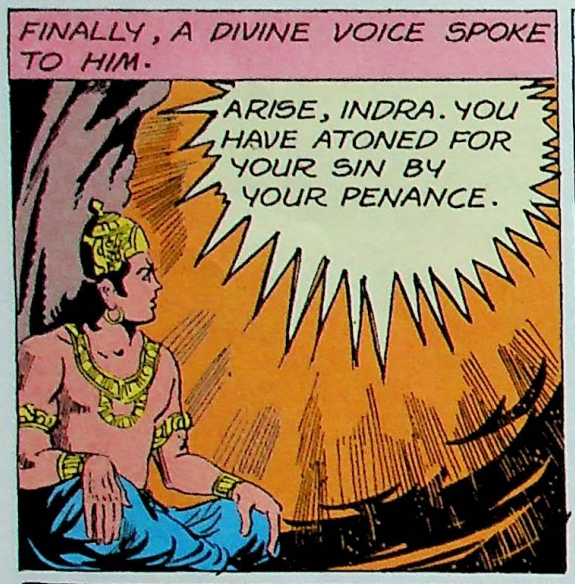

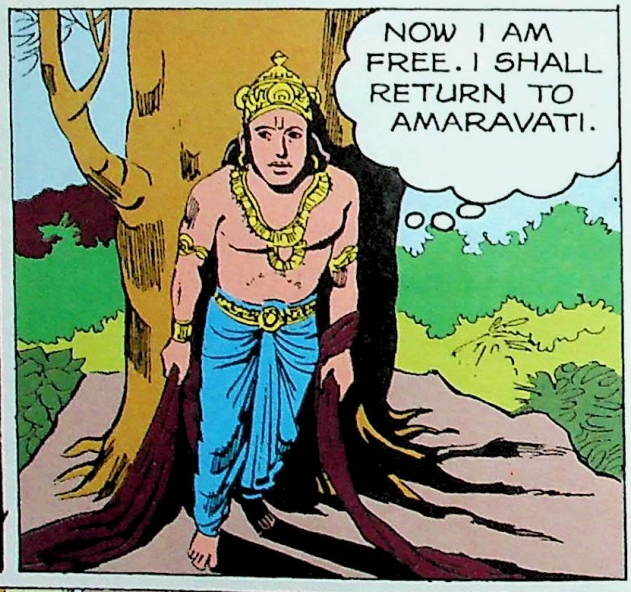

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MEANWHILE TVASHTA HEARD OF TRISHIRAS' DEATH. HE WAS DEEPLY GRIEVED AND VERY ANGRY.

I SHALL AVENGE MY SON'S DEATH. FROM THE POWER OF MY PRAYERS...

...SHALL RISE AN ASURA.

TVASHTA PERFORMED A SACRIFICE AND CREATED AN ASURA.

YOU ARE VRITRA. GO FORTH AND KILL INDRA.

WHEN INDRA HEARD OF VRITRA, HE PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE.

VRITRA HAS COME TO AVENGE TRISHIRAS.

I KNEW NO GOOD WOULD COME OF KILLING TRISHIRAS.

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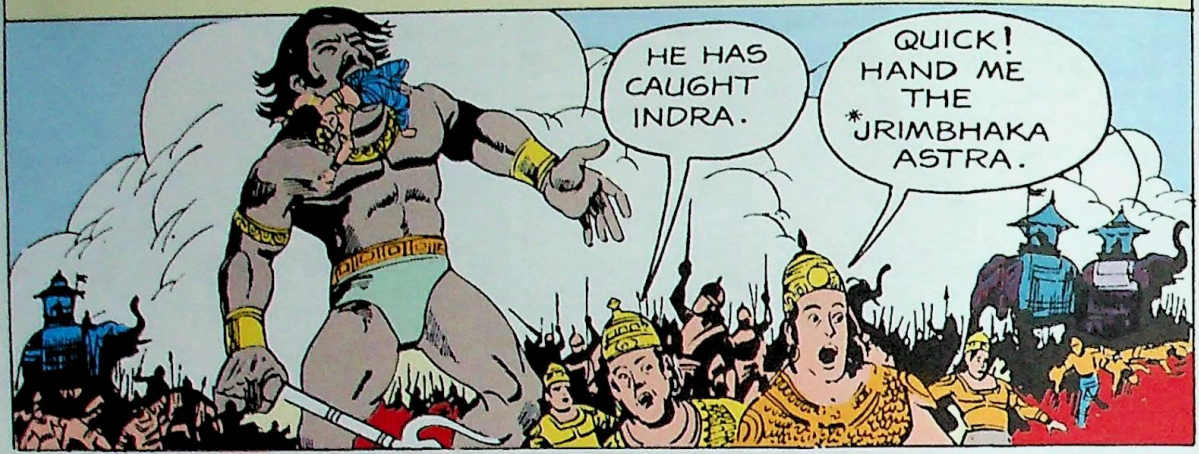
THERE WAS A TERRIBLE BATTLE IN WHICH VRITRA CAUGHT INDRA BETWEEN HIS TEETH.



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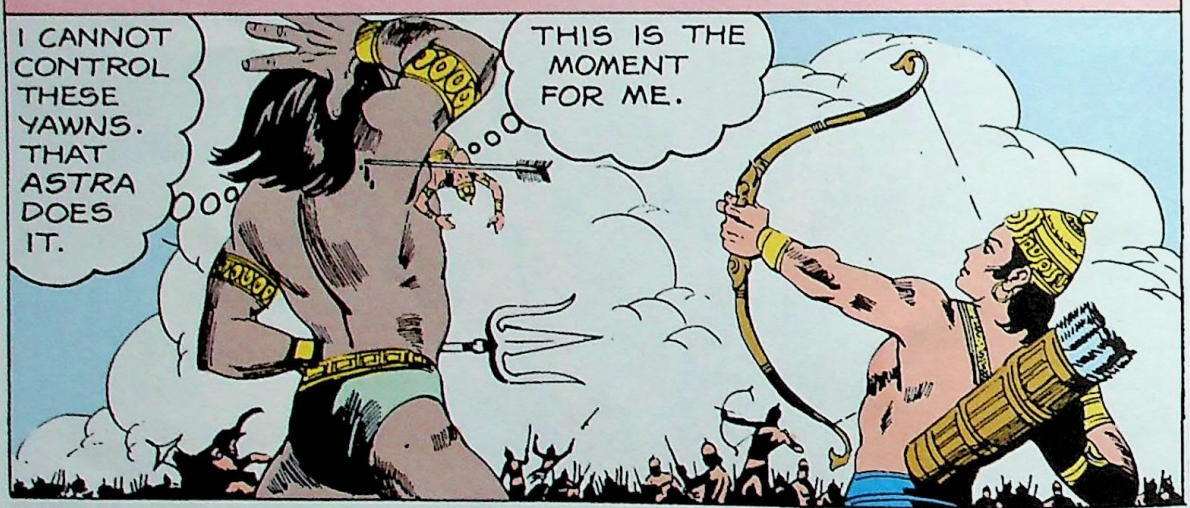

VRITRA YAWNED...

INDRA MADE HIMSELF TINY AND ESCAPED.

* AN ARROW WHICH MAKES A MAN YAWN.

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HE AND HIS SUBJECTS WENT TO VISHNU FOR ADVICE.

LORD, HELP US.

MAKE PEACE WITH VRITRA. THEN WATCH FOR YOUR CHANCE TO KILL HIM. I WILL HELP YOU.

INDRA MADE PEACE WITH VRITRA. BUT VRITRA WAS WARY.

LET US BE FRIENDS! I ADMIRE YOU!

ALL RIGHT. BUT ON MY CONDITIONS.

YOU MUST NOT KILL ME WITH ANY WEAPON- WET OR DRY, OF WOOD OR OF STONE...

...BY DAY OR BY NIGHT!

I AGREE.

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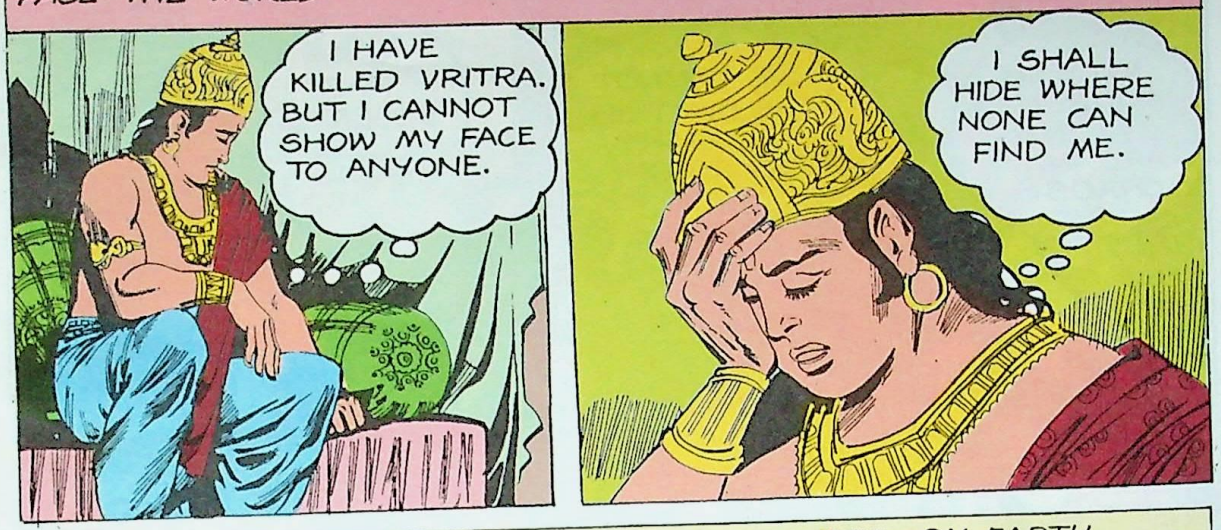
BUT AS INDRA HAD BETRAYED VRITRA HE WAS ASHAMED TO FACE THE WORLD.



INDRA RAN AWAY. ALL WAS DARKNESS AND CHAOS., ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN.

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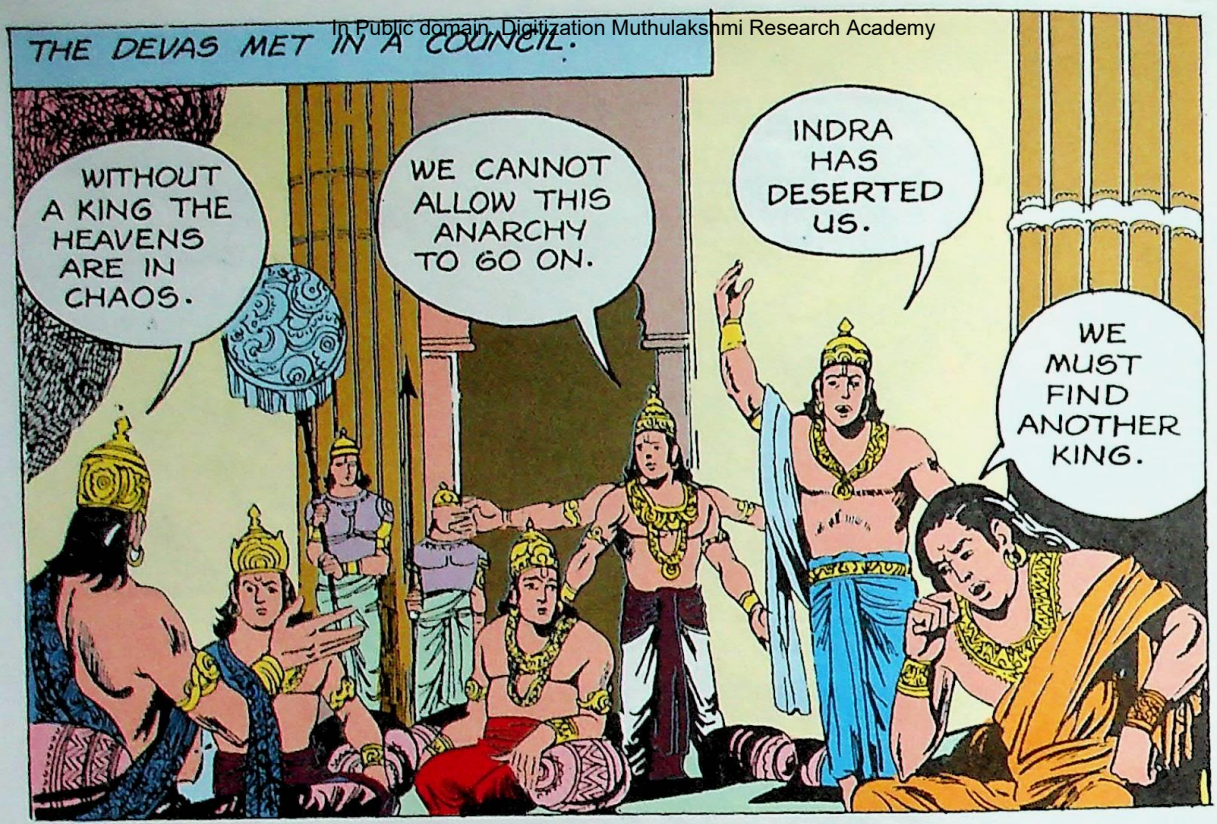

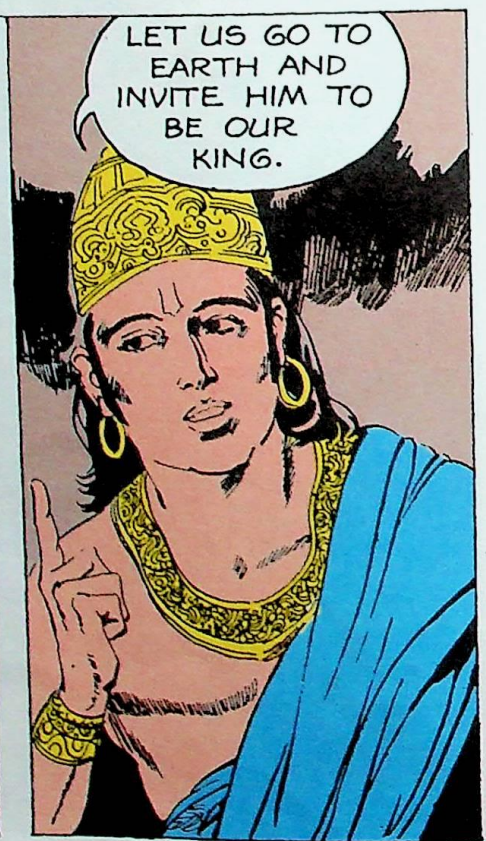

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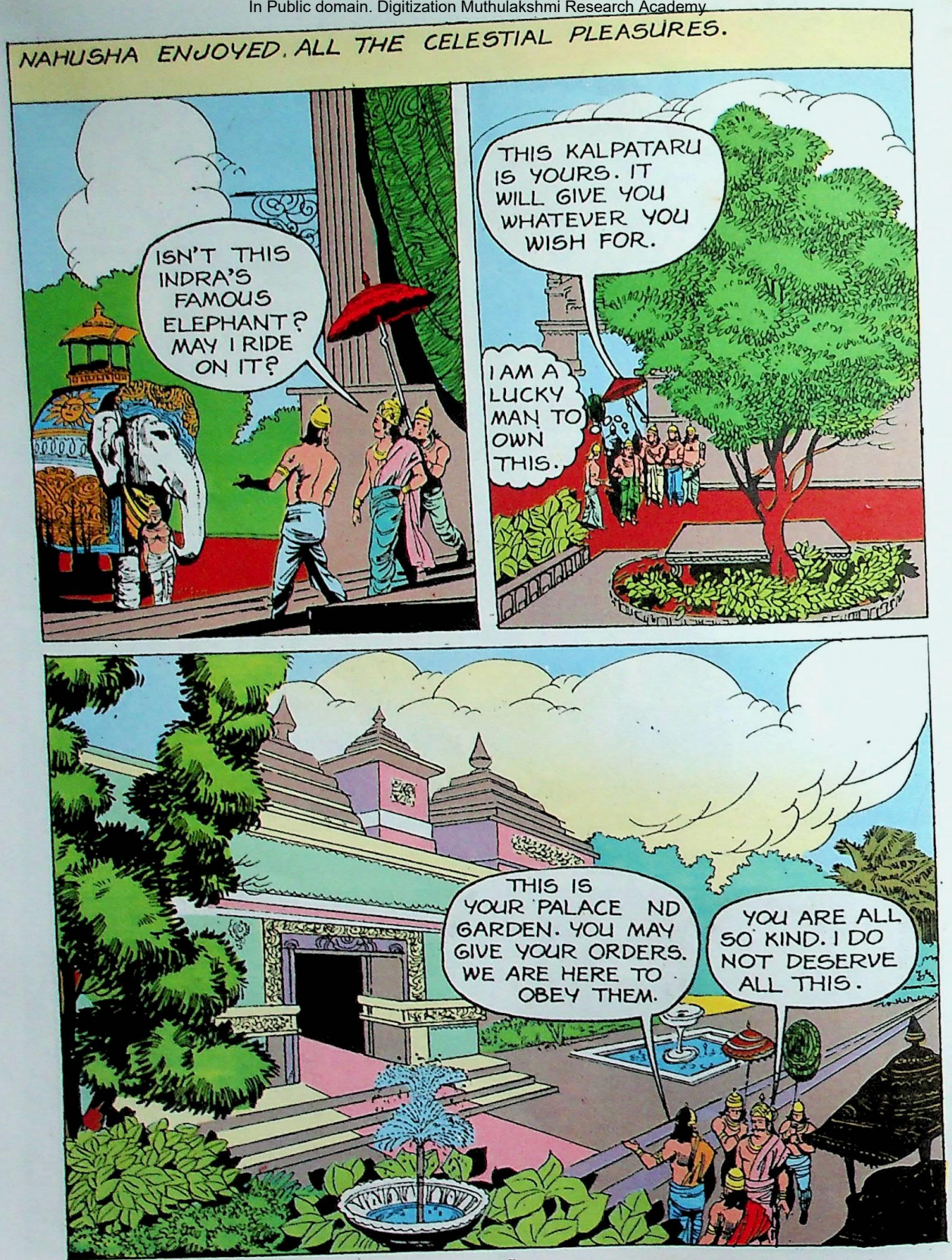
NAHUSHA ENJOYED ALL THE CELESTIAL PLEASURES.



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BUT ALAS! NAHUSHA SOON BECAME CONCEITED AND ARROGANT.

WHO IS THAT BEING WHO GOES PAST WITHOUT BOWING TO HIS KING? BRING HIM HERE!

HEY, YOU SAGE THERE! COMPOSE A VERSE IN PRAISE OF ME.

IT IS HOT! LET ONE OF THE *MARUTS BLOW COOL BREEZE ON ME.

THE DEVAS WERE VERY UNHAPPY.

HE ORDERS US ABOUT AS IF WE WERE HIS SLAVES!

HE IS UNBEARABLE.

BE CAREFUL! HE MAY HEAR US!

* THE GODS OF WIND.

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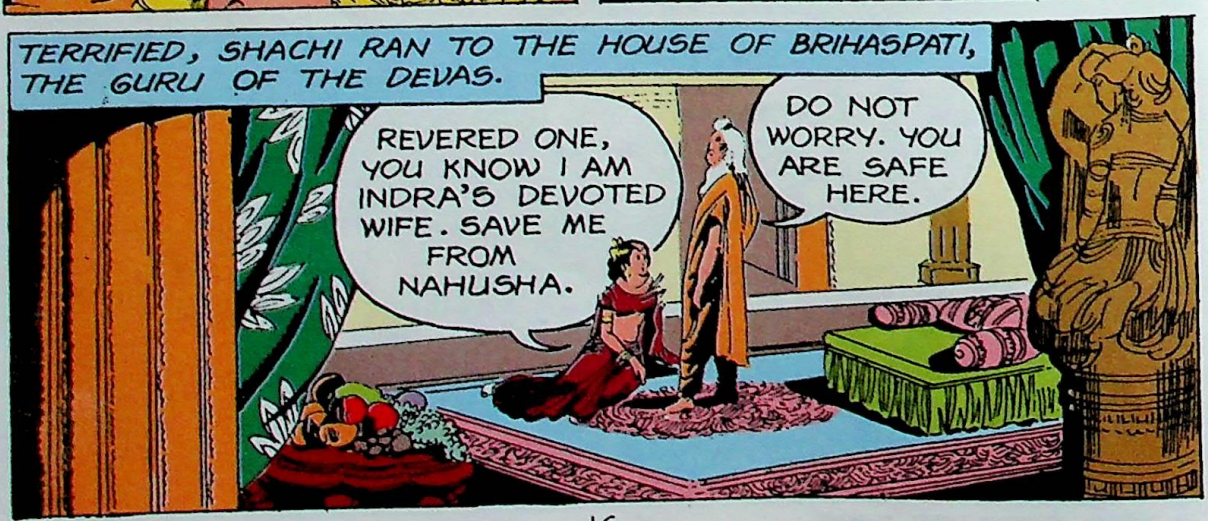

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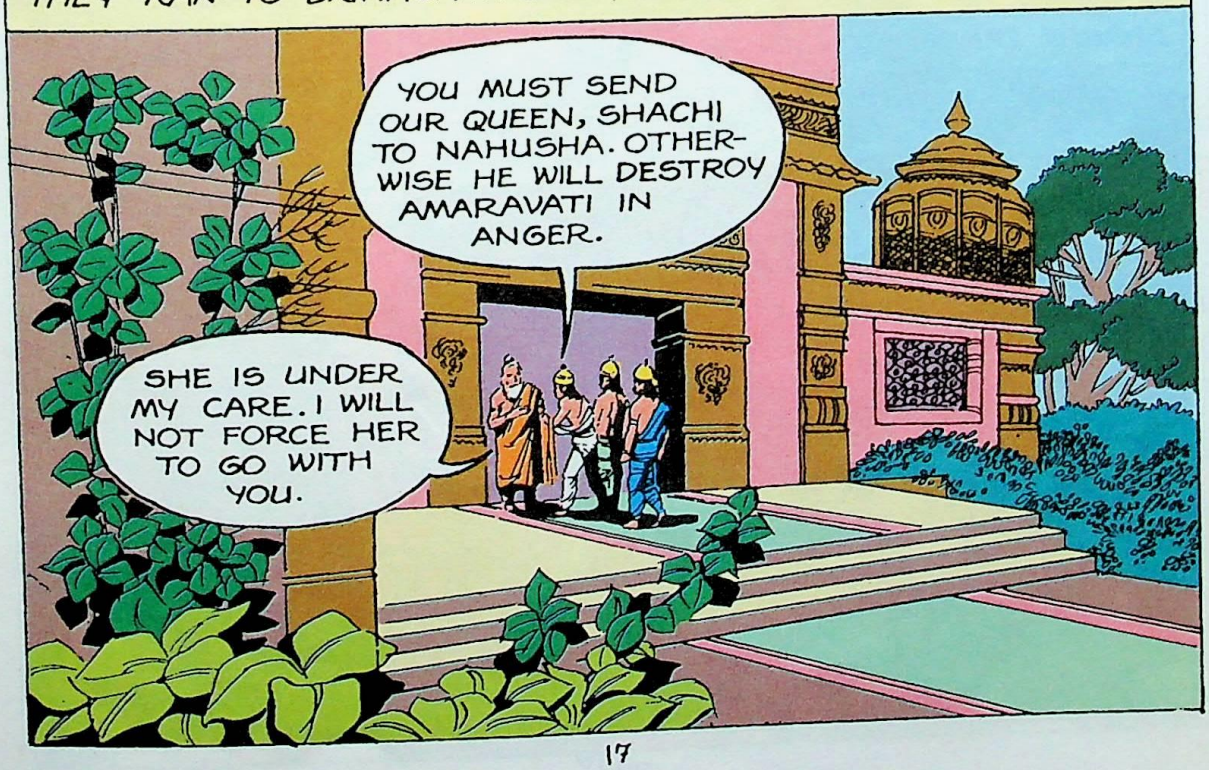
NAHUSHA WAS VERY ANGRY WHEN HE HEARD THAT SHACHI WAS IN BRIHASPATI'S HOUSE.

THE DEVAS TREMBLED BEFORE NAHUSHA'S FURY. THEY RAN TO BRIHASPATI'S HOUSE.



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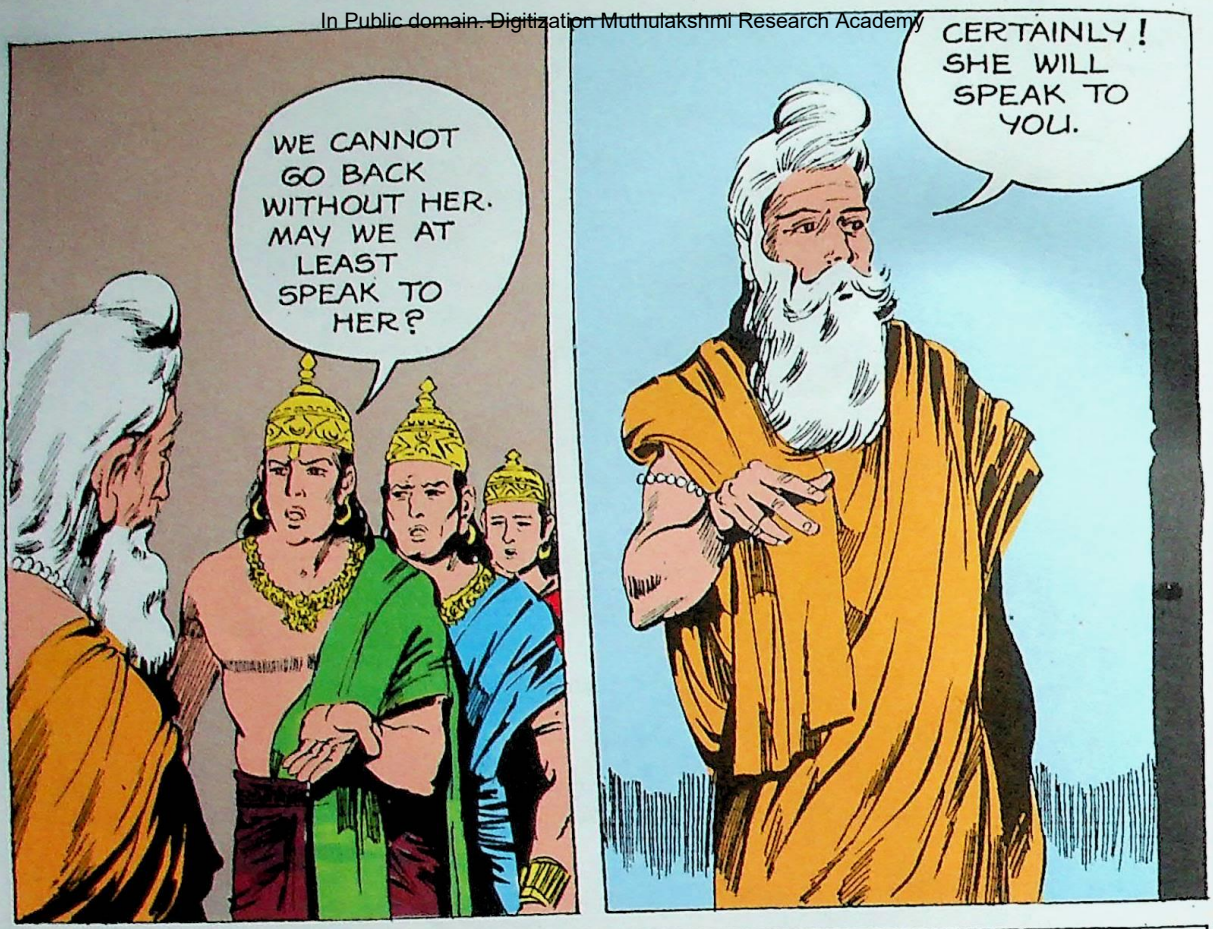

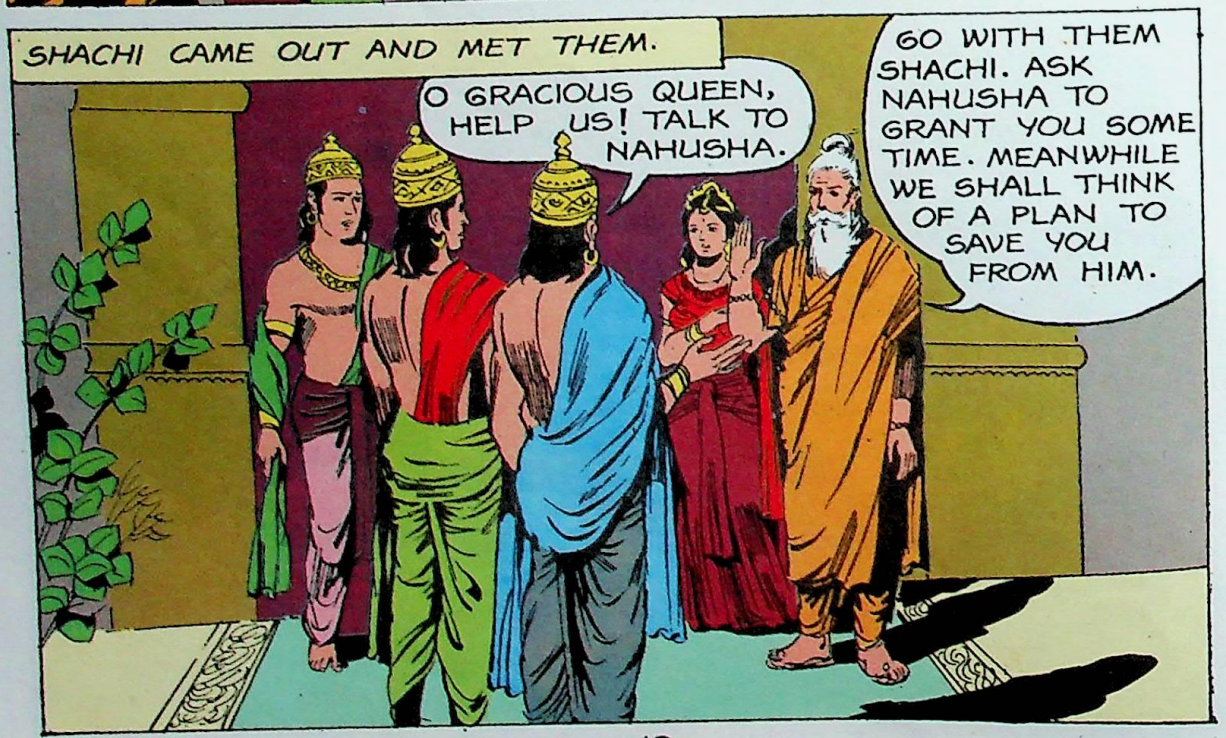

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SO, PROMPTED BY BRIHASPATI, SHACHI WENT WITH THE DEVAS TO NAHUSHA.

FIRST LET US SEARCH FOR MY LORD. IF HE CANNOT BE FOUND I SHALL BECOME YOUR QUEEN.

THAT IS REASONABLE. I AGREE.

THE DEVAS THEN WENT TO VISHNU FOR ADVICE.

WE MUST RESCUE OUR QUEEN. TELL US WHAT WE SHOULD DO NOW!

FIND OUT INDRA AND MAKE HIM PERFORM AN ASHWAMEDHA TO ATONE FOR THE SIN OF KILLING VRITRA, BY DECEIT.

AGNI, THE FIRE-GOD, LED THE SEARCH FOR INDRA.

COME ON! WE WILL FIND HIM SOMEHOW.

YES, HE MUST BE FOUND.

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AT LAST THEY FOUND INDRA.

YOU MUST PERFORM THE ASHWAMEDHA TO ATONE FOR YOUR SIN.

THEN YOU MUST COME AND ATTACK NAHUSHA.

INDRA PERFORMED THE ASHWAMEDHA...

...AND THEN SET OUT TO CHALLENGE NAHUSHA.

I DO NOT FEEL DESOLATE ANY MORE.

COME AND DRIVE OUT NAHUSHA.

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SHACHI HEARD THAT INDRA WAS COMING.

MAY HE DEFEAT NAHUSHA.

SO DID NAHUSHA.

I MUST GET INDRA OUT OF MY WAY.

INDRA CONFRONTED NAHUSHA.

HE IS TOO POWERFUL. I CANNOT FACE HIM.

THIS WEAKLING? IS THIS THE MIGHTY INDRA?

INDRA RAN AWAY.

WHY DO I QUAKE IN FEAR?

SHACHI WEPT.

I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE TO HELP HIM.

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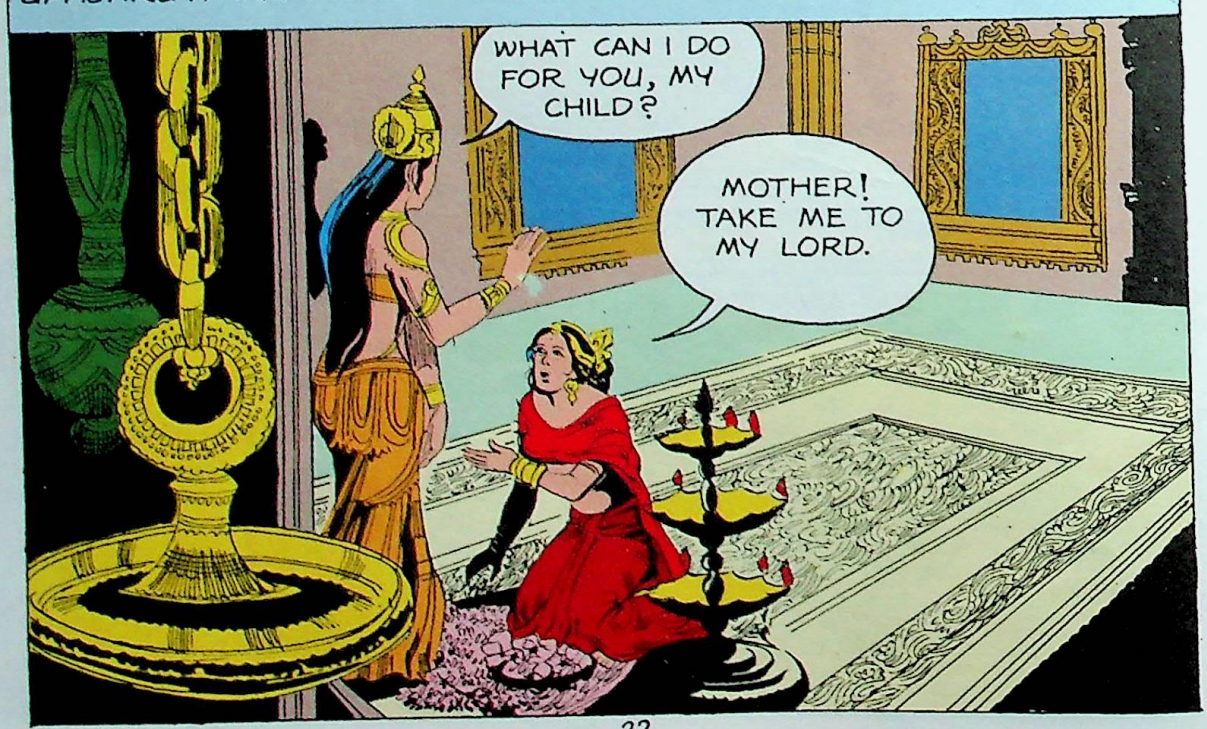
SHACHI PRAYED TO UPASHRUTI, A GODDESS OF THE NIGHT.

UPASHRUTI APPEARED BEFORE SHACHI.



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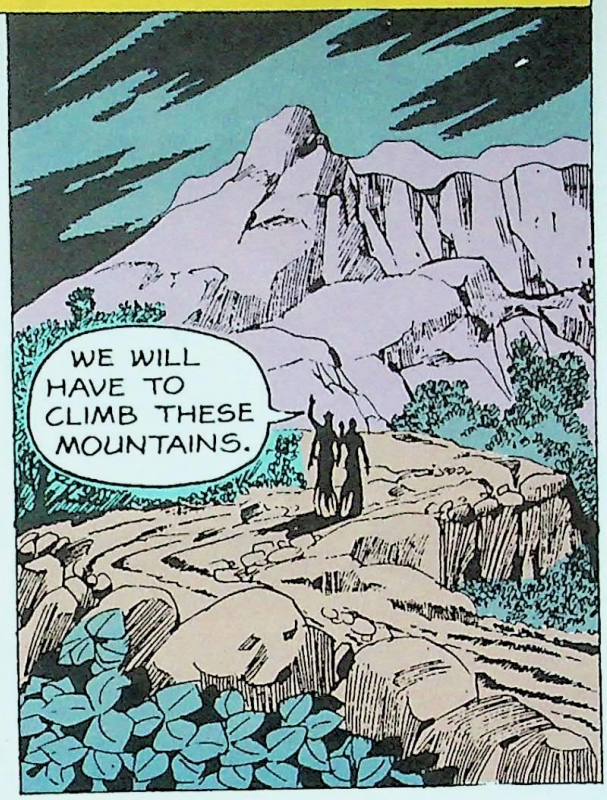
UPASHRUTI LED SHACHI INTO THE DARK NIGHT.



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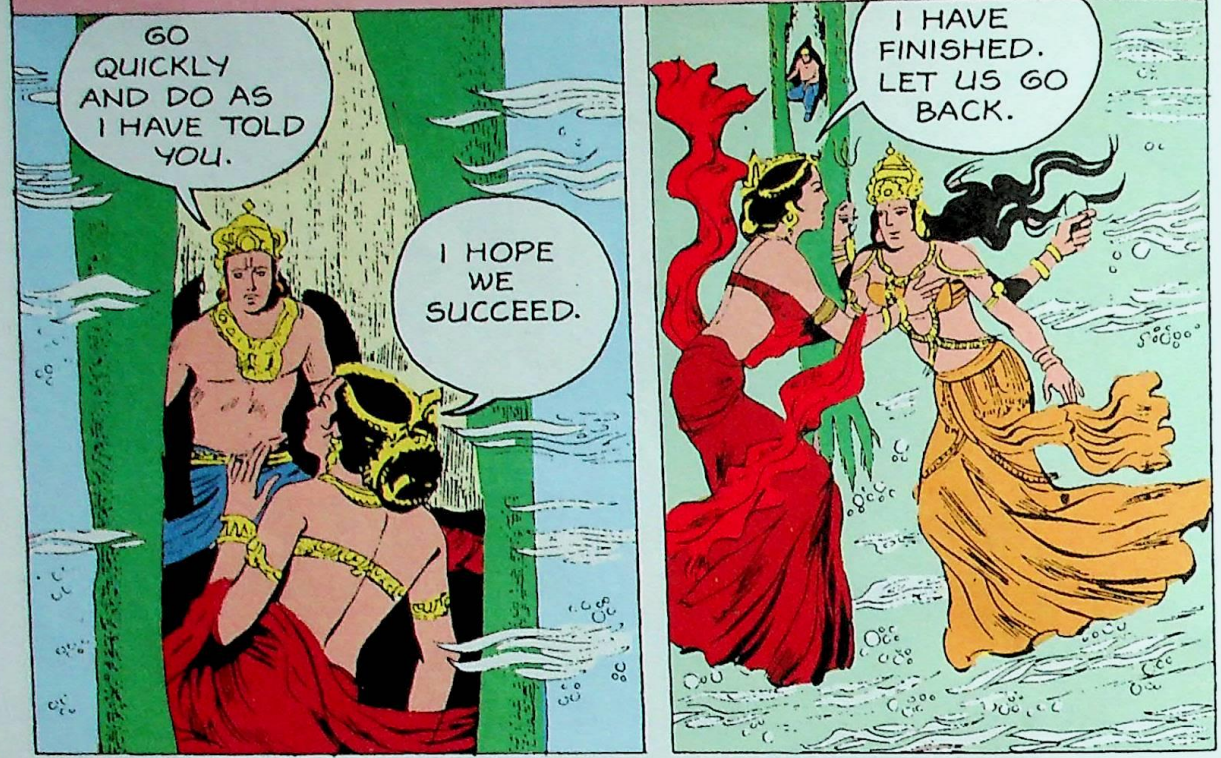
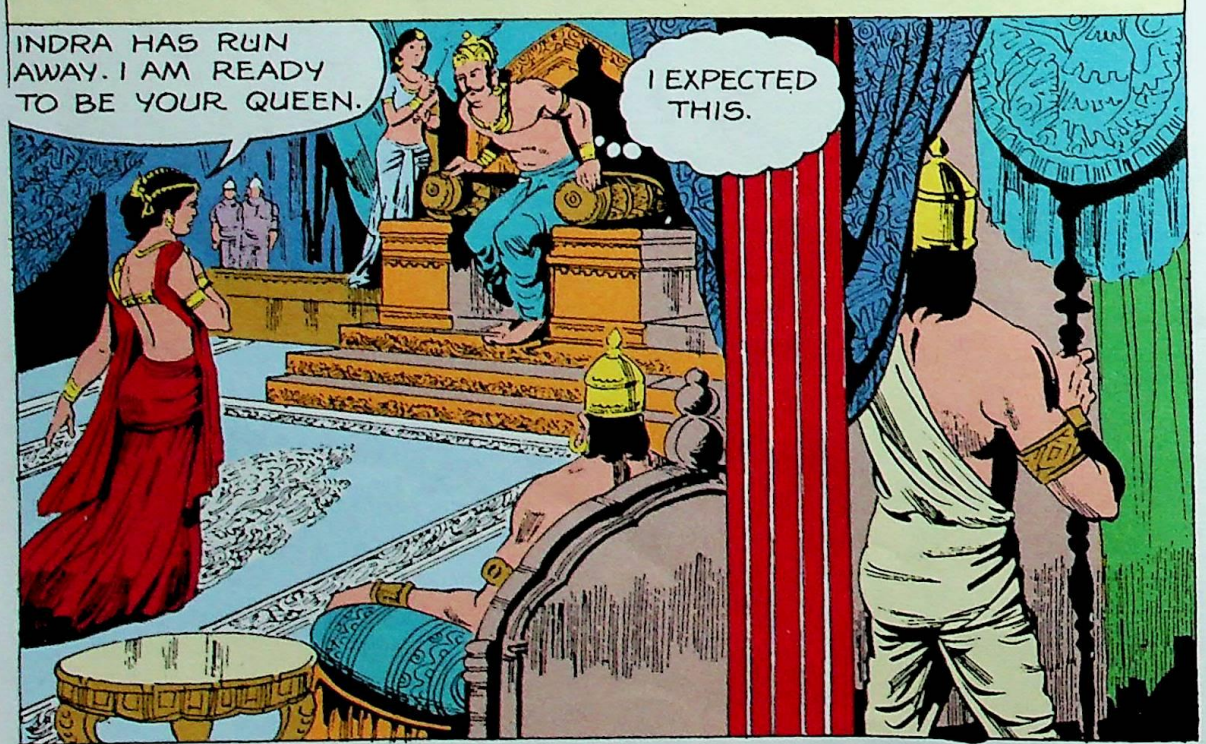
INDRA TOLD HER WHAT SHE SHOULD DO.



THE NEXT MORNING SHACHI WENT TO NAHUSHA.



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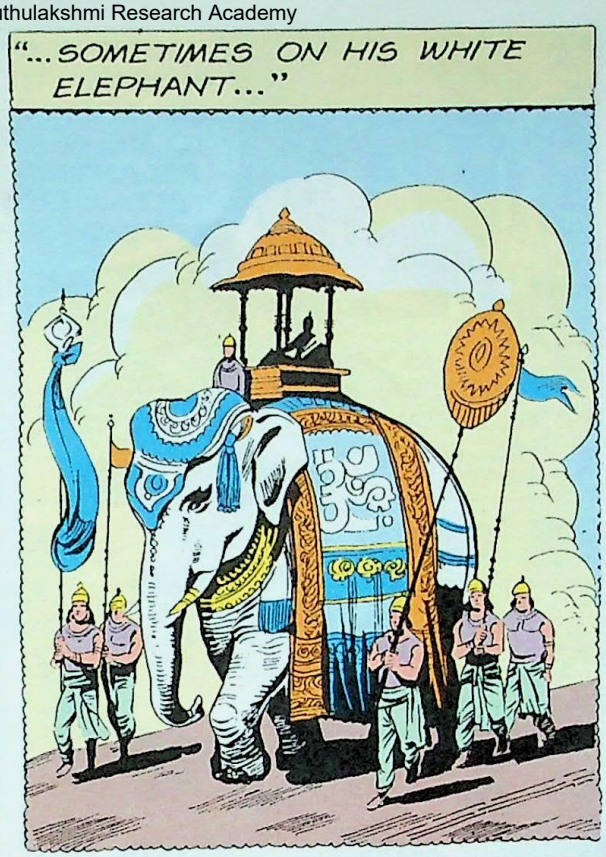

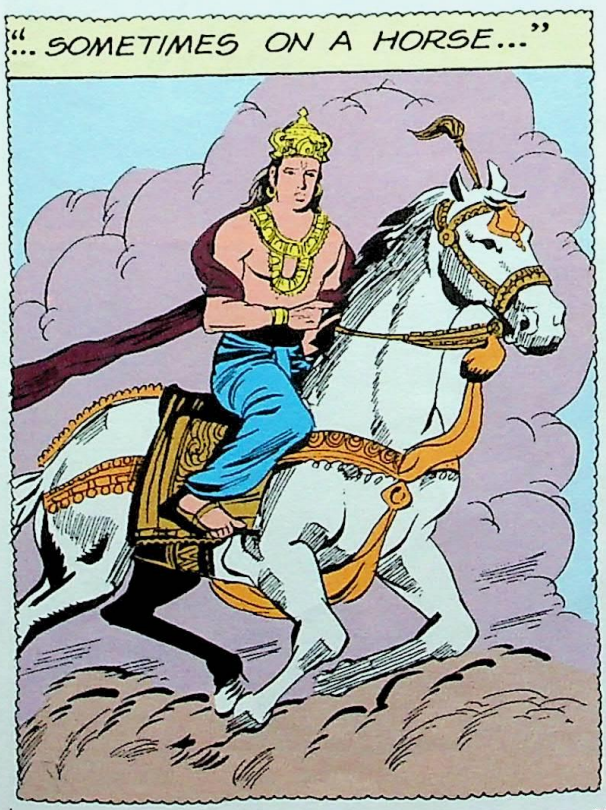

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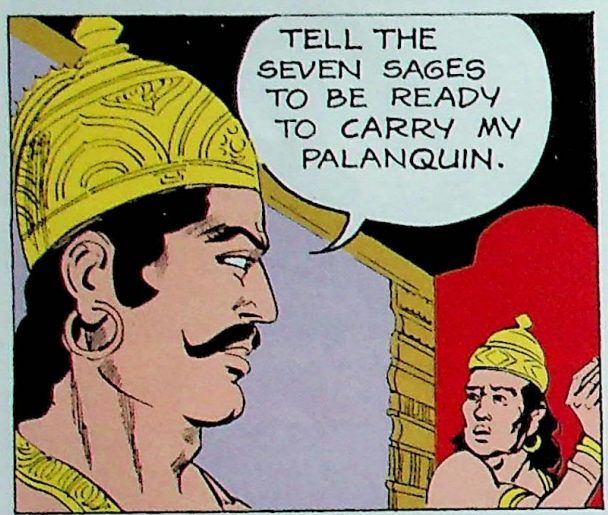
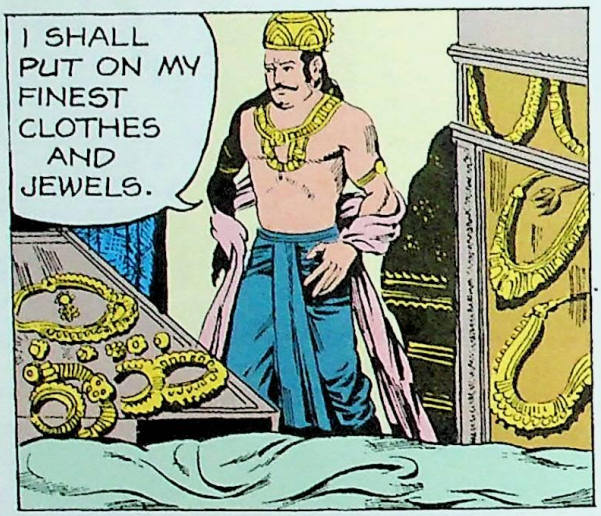
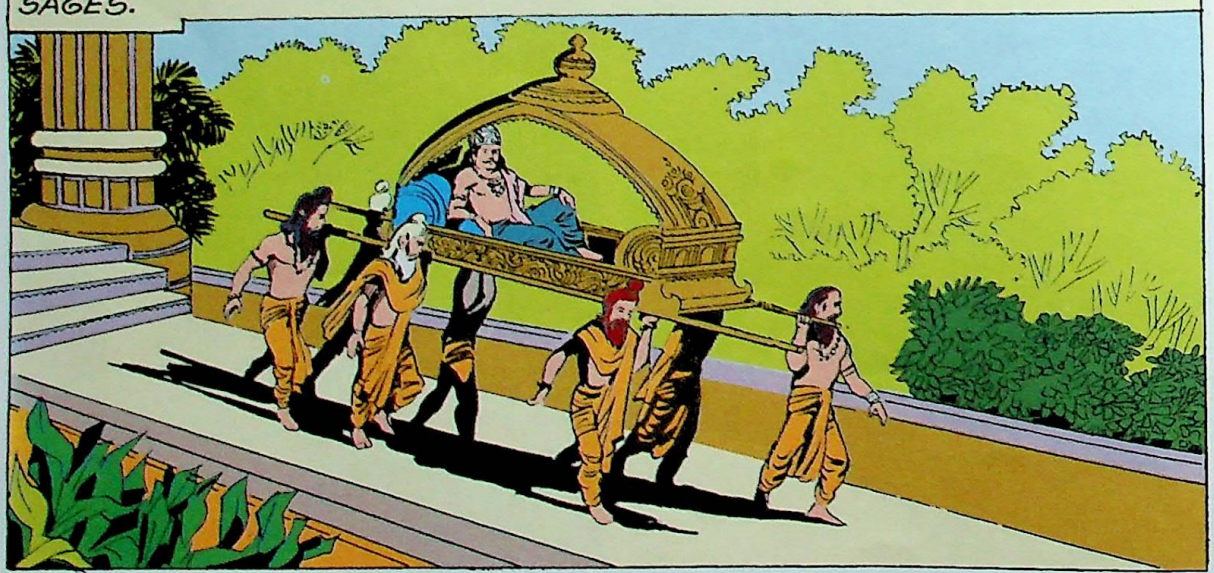




NAHUSHA SET OUT IN THE PALANQUIN BORNE BY THE SEVEN SAGES.



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MEANWHILE SHACHI WENT TO BRIHASPATI'S HOUSE.

I HAVE DONE MY PART.

THEN I SHALL SEND FOR INDRA.

BRIHASPATI INVOKED AGNI IN A SACRIFICE.

AGNI! YOU MUST FIND INDRA AND BRING HIM HERE, AT ONCE.

I WILL DO MY BEST. THE MARUTS WILL HELP ME MOVE QUICKLY.

AGNI CALLED THE DEVAS.

THE TIME HAS COME TO FORCE INDRA TO COME HERE.

WE WILL FOLLOW AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

WE WILL BLOW YOU AHEAD. THE OTHERS CAN FOLLOW.

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AT THAT MOMENT NAHUSHA WAS ON HIS WAY TO SHACHI'S PALACE.

LAZY FELLOWS! HOW SLOW THEY ARE!

IT IS ALL THE FAULT OF AGASTYA. BECAUSE HE IS SHORT HE CANNOT KEEP PACE WITH THE OTHERS.

I SHALL GOAD HIM ON.

ooo

*SARPA! SARPA!

WHEN NAHUSHA KICKED HIM, AGASTYA BECAME ANGRY.

HOW DARE YOU! SARPO BHAVA** MY CURSE WILL TURN YOU INTO A SNAKE.

* MOVE ON. ALSO SNAKE.

** MAY YOU BECOME A SNAKE.

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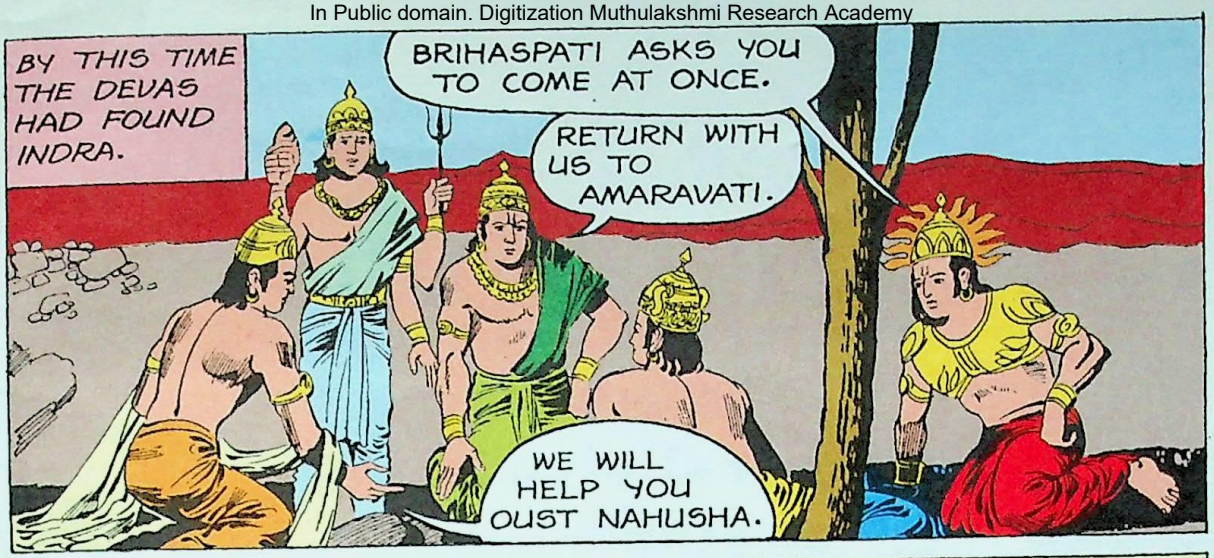

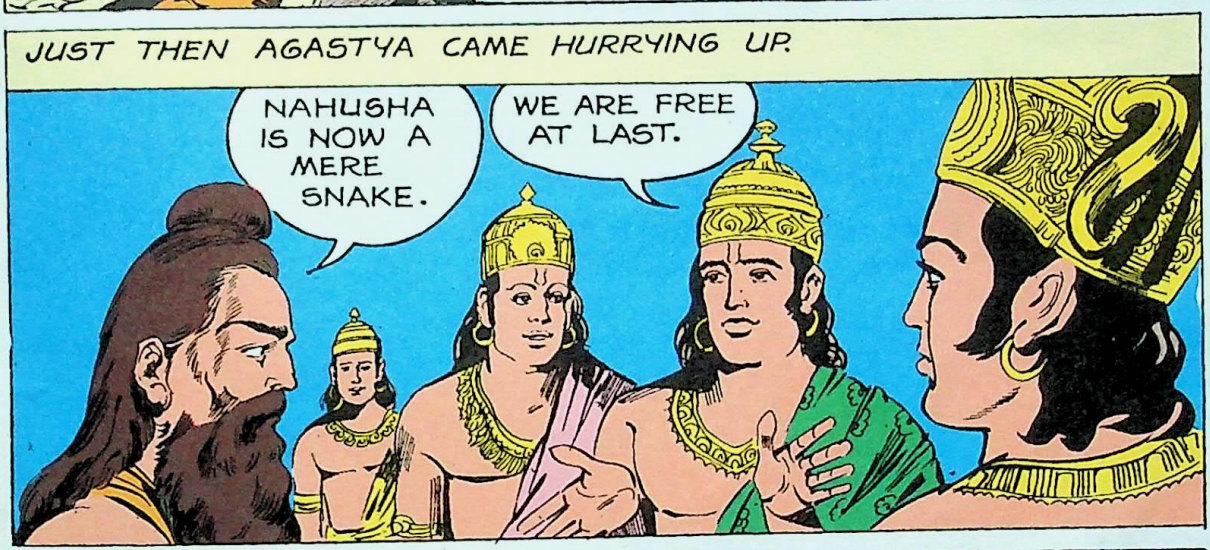

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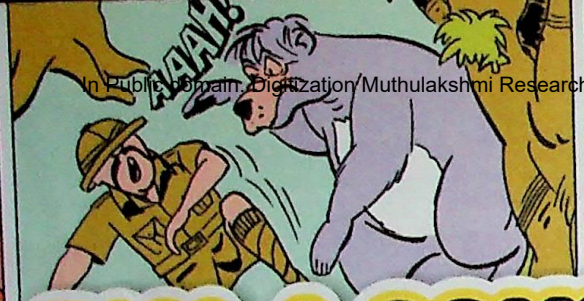

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Best known stories from the Epics and the Puranas

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ARUNI AND UTTANKA
ASHWINI KUMARS
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BAHUBALI
BALARAMA, TALES OF
BHEEMA AND HANUMAN
BHEESHMA
CHANDRAHASA
CHURNING OF THE OCEAN
DASHARATHA
DHRUVA AND ASHTAVAKRA
DRAUPADI
DRONA
DURGA, TALES OF
ELEPHANTA
GANDHARI
GANESHA
GANGA
GARUDA
GHATOTKACHA
GITA, THE
GOLDEN MONGOOSE, THE
HANUMAN
HANUMAN TO THE RESCUE
HARISCHANDRA
INDRA AND SHACHI
INDRA AND SHIBI
JAGANNATHA OF PURI
JAYADRATHA
KACHA AND DEVAYANI
KARNA
KARTTIKEYA
KRISHNA
KRISHNA AND JARASANDHA
KRISHNA AND NARAKASURA
KRISHNA AND RUKMINI
KRISHNA AND SHISHUPALA
KRISHNA AND THE FALSE VAASUDEVA
KUMBHAKARNA
LORD OF LANKA, THE
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MAHIRAVANA
NACHIKETA
NAHUSHA
NALA DAMAYANTI
NARADA, TALES OF
PANDAVA PRINCES, THE
PANDAVAS IN THE HIDING, THE
PRAHLAD
RAMA
RAVANA HUMBLED
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SAVITRI
SHIVA PARVATI
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SONS OF RAMA, THE
SUDAMA
SURYA
SYAMANTAKA GEM, THE
TRIPURA
ULOOPI
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VALI
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VISHWAMITRA
YAYATI
YUDHISHTHIRA, TALES OF

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ADVENTURES OF BADDU AND CHHOTU, THE
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ANGULIMALA
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BATTLE OF WITS
BIKAL THE TERRIBLE
BIRBAL STORIES
- BIRBAL THE CLEVER
- BIRBAL THE GENIUS
- BIRBAL THE JUST
- BIRBAL THE WISE
- BIRBAL THE WITTY
- BIRBAL TO THE RESCUE
- THE INIMITABLE BIRBAL

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CHANDRALALAT
COWHERD OF ALAWI, THE
FEARLESS BOY AND OTHER BUDDHIST TALES, THE
FOOL'S DISCIPLES, THE
FRIENDS AND FOES
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GOPAL THE JESTER
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- DEER STORIES
- ELEPHANT STORIES
- GIANT & THE DWARF, THE
- HIDDEN TREASURE, THE
- JACKAL STORIES
- MAGIC CHANT, THE
- MONKEY STORIES
- MOUSE MERCHANT, THE
- NANDIVISHALA
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- TALES OF MISERS
- TRUE FRIENDS

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KING KUSHA
LEARNED PANDIT, THE
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- PRICELESS GEM, THE
- PRINCE AND THE MAGICIAN
- QUEEN'S NECKLACE, THE

PANDIT AND THE MILKMAID
RAMAN OF TENALI
RAMAN THE MATCHLESS WIT
SAKSHI GOPAL
SHRENIK
TIGER & THE WOODPECKER, TIGER-EATER, THE
VIKRAMADITYA'S THRONE

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AKBAR
AMAR SINGH RATHOR
ASHOKA
BAGHA JATIN
BAJI RAO I
BALADITYA & YASHODHARMA
BANDA BAHADUR
BAPPA RAWAL
BENI MADHO AND PIR ALI
BHAGAT SINGH
BIMBISARA
CHAND BIBI
CHANDRA SHEKHAR AZAD
CHANDRAGUPTA MAURYA
DURGADAS
ELLORA CAVES
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RAJA RAJA CHOLA
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RANA SANGA
RANI ABBAKKA
RANI DURGAVATI
RANI OF JHANSI
RANJIT SINGH
RASH BEHARI BOSE
SAMUDRA GUPTA
SEA ROUTE TO INDIA
SHAH JAHAN
SHALIVAHANA
SHER SHAH
SHIVAJI
SHIVAJI, TALES OF
SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE
SULTANA RAZIA
TANAJI
THE RANI OF KITTUR
TIPU SULTAN
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VEER SAVARKAR
VELU THAMPI
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CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHU
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CHOKHA MELA
DAYANANDA
DESHBANDHU CHITTANRANJAN DAS
FA HIEN
GURU ARJAN
GURU GOBIND SINGH
GURU NANAK
GURU TEGH BAHADUR
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KALIDASA
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MADHVACHARYA
MAHAVIRA
MEGASTHENES
MIRABAI
MOTHER TERESA
PRANAVANANDA, SWAMI
RABINDRANATH TAGORE
RAMAKRISHNA, SRI
RAMANA MAHARSHI
RAMANUJA
RAM SHASTRI
SAIBABA, TALES OF
SHANKAR DEV
SOORDAS
SUBRAMANIA BHARATI
TANSEN
TULSIDAS
VIDYASAGAR
VIVEKANANDA
ZARATHUSHTRA

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INDRA AND SHACHI

Even gods can be prey to their inner torments. Lying and killing for the sake of peace and order, Indra felt he was unworthy of being king of heaven. A new king was installed on his throne! Now it was up to Indra's wife Shachi to ensure that his honour survived. Would the gods ever regain their respect for her beloved?

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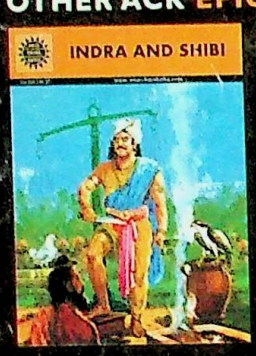

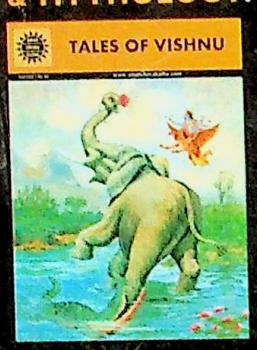

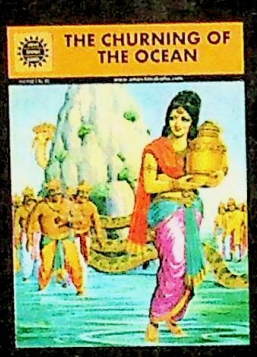

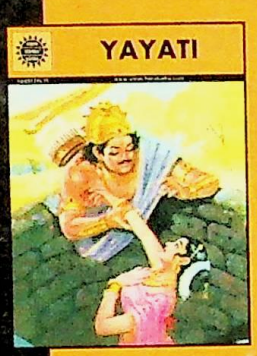

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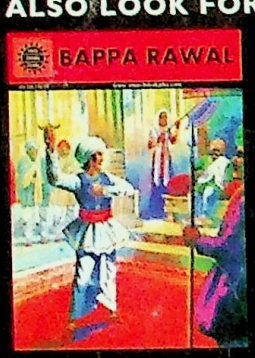

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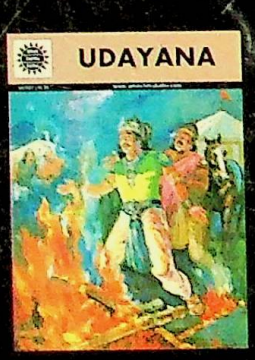

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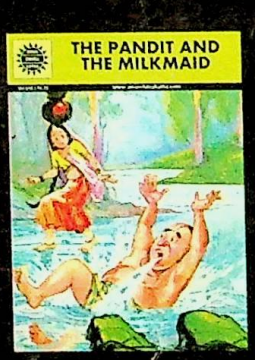

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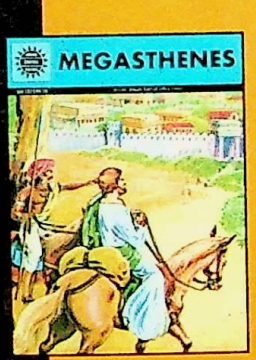

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